connections from one place to another;

(b) whether concerned dealers are insisting the individuals for carrying LPG cylinders instead of having them delivered at places of residence; and

(c) if so, the facts thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) Indian Oil Corporation has informed that as per records available with them, no complaint of improper service rendered by Delhi area office customer services cell has been received by them.

(b) and (c) LPG distributors are under instructions to ensure home delivery to the customers residing in their area of operation. However, supply of refills on cash and carry basis is made to the customers residing outside the area of operation of the distributors.

Vacant post of the Chairman and Managing Director in IBP

2539. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recommended to the appropriate authority for filling up the vacancy of Chairman and Managing Director in the IBP Company Limited;

(b) whether Government have also recommended for advertising the post in the dailies; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The vacancy of Chairman & Managing Director, IBP Co. Limited has been referred to the appropriate authority for recommending a suitable candidate for consideration of the Government for appointment to the said post.

(b) and (c) The appropriate authority adopts necessary procedure for obtaining suitable candidates for consideration.

Harmful effects of lead-free petrol

2540. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what specific benefits are proposed to be derived from the proposal to introduce lead-free petrol in the foar metropolitan cities from April this year;

(b) whether developed countries like the United Kingdom, Germany and Italy, which have already been exposed to unleaded petrol for the last five to ten years, are now realising that the substitute is potentially more harmful than the leaded variety, if so, what are the facts in this regard; and

(c) what further safeguards are proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Share-holding in oil companies by Government and financial institutions

2541. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: SHRI P. UPENDRA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an expert panel on oil has recommended 40% retention of share holding in ONGCL and the oil companies by Government and 11% by the public sector financial institutions; end